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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the Examiner's communication of May 6, 2003 and in response to the Office Action of September 24, 1999 concerning the above-identified application, kindly enter the following claim amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.